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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO EUROPE

1. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES TO VISIT EUROPE DURING THE PERIOD 28 MARCH - 6 APRIL, WITH TRANSPORTATION TO BE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN WITH PARTY. ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER EXPENSES ARE TO BE AT EXPENSE OF TRAVELERS.

2. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO PERMIT A FULLER APPRECIATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EUROPE.

3. ITINERARY AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED IS AS FOLLOWS:

28 MARCH FLY TO FRANKFURT

29 MARCH VISIT USAFE AND USAREUR UNITS IN THE FIELD

30 MARCH HEIDELBERG (GENERALLY OPEN TIME)

31 MARCH FLY TO BERLIN, BRIEFING AND VISIT

1 APRIL FLY TO VIENNA, MBFR BRIEFING

2 APRIL FLY TO BRUSSELS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND NATO OFFICIALS

3 APRIL FLY TO BONN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND FRG OFFICIALS AND VISITS TO FRG GROUND AND AIR UNITS IN THE FIELD

4 APRIL FLY TO PARIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND FRENCH OFFICIALS

5 APRIL FLY TO LONDON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND UK OFFICIALS

6 APRIL RETURN TO WASHINGTON
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4. FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST SUBMISSION OF DETAILED MOVEMENT ITINERARY IN EUROPE, AND PROGRAM OF VISITS TO USAFE AND USAREUR UNITS, ALONG LINES OF PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER ADDRESSEES.

5. FOR EMBASSY BONN AND USCINCEUR. REQUEST COORDINATED PROGRAM PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH US AND FRG

OFFICIALS (WE HAVE IN MIND CHANCELLOR, MOD, COF STAFF, PERHAPS SELECTED MEMBERS OF BUNDESTAG) AND TO VISIT US AND OTHER NATO FORCES IN THE FIELD. IF CONSISTENT WITH ITINERARY FOR USAF AND USAREUR VISITS, GROUP COULD FLY TO BERLIN IN EVENING OF 29 MARCH FOR OPEN DAY (EASTER SUNDAY) IN BERLIN RATHER THAN IN HEIDELBERG.

6. FOR EMBASSY BERLIN AND US MISSION US BERLIN. REQUEST COORDINATED PROGRAM INCLUDING BRIEFINGS AT EMBASSY AND US MISSION, VISIT TO WEST AND EAST BERLIN, AND IF POSSIBLE, A VISIT TO AN EAST GERMAN MILITARY INSTALLATION.

7. FOR VIENNA AND US DELMBFR. REQUEST COORDINATED PROGRAM INCLUDING BRIEFING ON MBFR/MEETING WITH US MBFR NEGOTIATORS AND, IF YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, MEETINGS WITH ALLIED AND WARSAW PACT MBFR NEGOTIATORS IF AVAILABLE. MEETINGS WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS MAY ALSO BE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT TO EMBASSY VIEWS. PLEASE ADVISE.

8. FOR EMBASSY BRUSSELS, USNATO AND USNMR. REQUEST COORDINATED PROGRAM OFFERING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH US AND BELGIAN OFFICIALS, SACEUR, AND NATO OFFICIALS AND PERMREPS (BOTH NAC AND MC) AS APPROPRIATE.

9. FOR PARIS. REQUEST PROGRAM INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH US AND FRENCH OFFICIALS. WE HAVE IN MIND MOD AND BIGEARD, DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE.

10. FOR LONDON; REQUEST COORDINATED PROGRAM PROVIDING FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND UK OFFICIALS. WE HAVE IN MIND PM, MOD, CDS AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE. CINCUSNAVEUR SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH US OFFICIALS.
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11. FOR ALL POSTS. INFORMAL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WHEN APPROPRIATE SHOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET NATIONAL POLITICAL LEADERS. SIZE OF PARTY NOW ESTIMATED AT 30; EXACT COMPOSITION WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LOCAL SUPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY, TO INCLUDE GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND BOOKING OF ACCOMMODATIONS. FUNDING AUTHORIZATION (PER DIEM AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION) TO FOLLOW. NAME OF CONTROL OFFICERS SHOULD BE REPORTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

12. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE OF THE INVITATION BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BUT THE RELEASE DATE IS NOT YET FIRM. PRESS QUERIES MAY BE EXPECTED AND SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ASD/PA. ANNOUNCEMENT

WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN MADE.

13. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR THE VISIT. MESSAGES SHOULD BE SENT DUAL ACTION SECSTATE/SEC-DEF; OSD FOR ISA, LA AND OSAF/SAFLLO. OSAF CONTROL OFFICER IS MR. ACKLEY, PHONE (202) 697-1500.

14. FOREGOING IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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